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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 4 February 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 4 May 2003. The considered claims, claims 1, 3, 7-8, 13-19, 21, 25-26, 31-35 and 68-71 were rejected. Applicants sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness and courtesy extended their undersigned representative at an interview on 5 March 2003. The discussion at the interview was most helpful in clarifying the issues and the rationale behind the written grounds for rejection. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and to the discussion at the interview and the following amendment and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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